

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 18-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 10-11, 16, and 18 have been amended to further define the invention. The Applicants will address the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection upon an indication of allowability of the claims. No new matter is included through these amendments.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 10, and 16 have been amended to include the features of associating the message with a meta session, wherein the meta session is persistent across message transactions and different HTTP sessions. The Examiner asserts that the W3C article discloses meta sessions through page 41 section 4.11.1. Applicants respectfully submit that the meta data in section 4.11, which contains information about a document, has a life that is the same as the document in which the data is embedded. The meta session of the present invention is persistent across message transactions, whereas the W3C article has no similar concept because it is not necessary. The meta session of the present invention enables tracking or associating previous transactions of a user even though the user has logged out and logged in (see paragraph 79). The W3C article has no similar feature as once the documents life ends there is no need to maintain the meta data about the document. In addition, the W3C article has no means by which document data is maintained or in which data from multiple related documents are associated as there is no need for this feature. The concept of a meta session as defined and claimed in the present application are concepts unrelated to the W3C article and the fact that meta data is mentioned in the reference is unrelated to the concept of meta session as claimed and defined in

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the present application. The Examiner previously stated that the claims as written did not inherently include the features argued by the Applicants in the previous response. As now specified, the meta sessions is persistent across different HTTP sessions and the W3C article is silent as to this feature. Accordingly, claims 1, 10, and 16, and corresponding dependent claims, are allowable for at least the above stated reasons

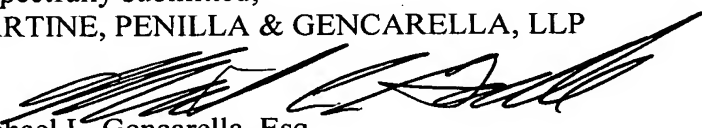
In addition, claims 2, 11, and 18 include the feature of: and a service context common to the different connections associates the different HTTP sessions of a user. As stated above, the W3C article and the cited references are silent as to maintaining state information across different connections as specified in these amended claims. The life of the meta tag information of the W3C article is based on the life of the document whereas the meta session state information is maintained in the present information and can be associated with information across different connections. Again, the W3C article has no use for this type of information for a document.

Applicants respectfully request examination based on the foregoing amended claims. If

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the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774 6921. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. XAMP001A). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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